

HOUSE No. 1608

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, petition of Thomas M. Stanley and others relative to the reimbursement for the cost of drugs to treat mental illness. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Thomas M. Stanley	Patricia A. Haddad
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR DRUGS TO TREAT MENTAL ILLNESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 17 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing
- 2 in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
- 3 following paragraph:—
- 4 Notwithstanding the first paragraph no requirements for prior
- 5 authorization or other restrictions on medications used to treat
- 6 mental illness such as schizophrenia, depression or bipolar dis-

7 order may be imposed on Medicaid recipients. Medications that
8 will be available under the state Medicaid plan without restriction
9 for persons with mental illnesses shall include atypical antipsy-
10 chotic medications, conventional antipsychotic medications, anti
11 depressant medications, anticonvulsants medications, and any
12 other medications used for the treatment of mental illnesses.